

In 1996, Foreman returned to Tokyo, scoring an easy win over the unrated Crawford Grimsley by a 12-round decision. In 1997, he faced fringe contender Lou Savarese, winning a close decision in a grueling, competitive encounter. Yet another opportunity came Foreman's way as the World Boxing Council decided to match him against Shannon Briggs in a 1998 "eliminator bout" for the right to face World Boxing Council champion Lennox Lewis. After 12 rounds, there was once again a controversial majority decision, but this time the victory went to Briggs. Foreman had fought for the last time, at the age of 48.

In January 2003, Foreman was elected to the International Boxing Hall of Fame, where he was inducted in June. That same year, he was named boxing's ninth greatest puncher of all time by Ring Magazine.

Foreman said he had no plans to resume his career as a boxer, but then announced in February 2004 that he was training for one more comeback fight to demonstrate that the age of 60, like 40, is not a "death sentence." The bout, against an unspecified opponent, never materialized. Having severed his relationship with HBO to pursue other opportunities, George Foreman and the sport of boxing finally went their separate ways.

Life has definitely gone on after boxing for "Big George Foreman." In addition to becoming the Heavyweight Champion of the World and an Olympic Medal Winner, Olympic Hall of Famer, he wears the titles of pastor, nationally recognized spokesperson, entrepreneur, author, reality television star, mentor and role model. He has been the face of Meineke Mufflers, and countless homes in the country have the George Foreman Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine.

In 2004, Foreman began marketing the George Foreman brand of "Big and Tall" clothes through the retailer Casual Male. He has even appeared as a judge on the second season of the ABC reality television series *American Inventor*. Foreman has four books: *The Autobiography of George Foreman*; *God in My Corner: A Spiritual Memoir*; *Going the Extra Smile*; and *Fatherhood by George: Hard-Won Advice on Being a Dad*.

On May 22, 2007, it was announced that Foreman had become a partner in the Panther Racing Indy Car team, in the Indianapolis 500; and on July 16, 2008, TV Land premiered *Family Foreman*, a reality TV show, starring George and his family.

Big George Foreman continues to be extremely active in the community. He encourages young people through his George Foreman Youth Center in Houston, and he built The George Foreman Youth & Community Center in 1984 with money saved from his 8-year retirement. Foreman wanted to create a haven for kids to hang out.

I am proud to recognize my friend whom I admire greatly, Mr. George Foreman, for his accomplishments in and out of the boxing ring. He has repeatedly shown us all that you can overcome all odds and obstacles. He is a shining testament of hard work and determination, and I applaud all of his accomplishments and service to the community.

And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 6599, the Fiscal Year 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Representative LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART (FL-21).

Bill Number: H.R. 6599, Report 110-775.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Southern Command.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3511 NW 91st Ave., Miami, FL 33172-1217.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$81,600,000 for the second increment of funding for the construction of a new headquarters for the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) in Doral, FL. The funding will continue the work of the first installment in which SOUTHCOM received \$100,000,000 in the FY08 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill. The authorization for this funding was included in the H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, which passed the House of Representatives May 22, 2008. The total cost of the headquarters construction is estimated to be \$237,000,000.

Through the Department of Defense, this project has been undergone an open bid process and the planning, engineering and design phase is well underway. The funds would be used by the Department of Defense to build the new SOUTHCOM headquarters adjacent to the current SOUTHCOM facility in Doral, FL. The land for this facility is under long-term lease from the State of Florida.

RECOGNIZING VARALLO'S RESTAURANT AS IT CELEBRATES 101 YEARS IN BUSINESS

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Varallo's, Nashville's oldest continuously operated restaurant, and offer my heartfelt congratulations on its 101st anniversary.

Founded in 1907 by Frank Varallo, Sr., a former traveling musician who played for the likes of President Theodore Roosevelt, Varallo's Restaurant has been a gathering place for Tennessee's governors and legislators, Nashville's mayors and politicians, musicians and movie stars, athletes and artists, business leaders and students, and anyone who was hungry.

Four generations of the Varallo family have served their world famous "chile"—a special recipe acquired by Frank Varallo, Sr., during his travels in South America. At the age of 14, Frank Varallo, Jr., took over the business upon the death of his father. For more than 70 years, Frank, Jr., served the restaurant's

unique three-way "chile" combination to generations of Tennesseans and made a reputation for himself by providing inspirational messages that came to be known as "Thoughts from The Bottom of a Chili Bowl."

Today, great-grandson Todd Varallo, who joined the business shortly after he graduated from high school, operates the restaurant and continues to serve up the "chile" that launched the restaurant's "century of success." The restaurant also continues to be the scene of many negotiations, meetings, conferences and consultations that shape the course of Nashville and Tennessee history.

Madam Speaker, I join everyone in Tennessee's Fifth District in applauding Varallo's Restaurant, and I commend the entire Varallo family for their century-long service to the citizens of Nashville and middle Tennessee.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599—Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Charleston Air Force Base, United States Air Force.

Address of Requesting Entity: Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, 29404.

Description of Project: Provide \$4.5 million for construction of an addition to C-17 flight simulator complex at Charleston AFB. This addition, which was included in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, will allow the facility to accommodate a new six-axis flight simulator and loadmaster trainer with space for computers, briefing rooms, component and facility storage and other needed space. Training needs of the aircrews have exceeded the capabilities of the existing three simulators. If this new simulator space is not provided, established training goals will not be achieved at an airbase that currently houses two wings of C-17s currently meeting the needs of our troops deployed abroad.

HONORING SAM BOVA FOR HIS LONGTIME CIVIC EFFORTS IN SUNSET BAY, NEW YORK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a longtime businessman and civic leader in the great community of Sunset Bay, New York. Sam Bova has owned and operated the Sunset Bay Beach since the mid 1990s, consisting of two prime waterfront attractions: the Sunset Bay Beach Club, and Cabana Sam's Sunset Bay Grill.

As a businessman, Sam's business provides seasonal work to more than 150 people, and is the source of a tremendous amount of